

State Representative

John Ulmer

House District 49

Legislative Survey



Dear Neighbor,

With the 2007 Legislative session underway, there are many challenges that lay before us. This will be a “long” session, which means we will be working on the 2008-2009 state budget. We will also be looking at many other key issues that will affect Hoosiers.

Among the topics are property taxes, giving local governments more flexibility, energy concerns, education reform, and job creation. This newsletter will give you a preview of some of these issues and information on other important items facing Indiana.

This is an important time for Indiana to continue building upon the successes of the last two years. I look forward to continuing to make state government more efficient to better serve your needs. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



John Ulmer

Rep. Ulmer and Rep. Foley discuss property tax relief solutions to help homeowners.



How to Contact State Rep. Ulmer

If you have a question regarding state government, there are three ways you can contact Rep. Ulmer:

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12 Point Plan for Indiana's Progress

1. **Permanently Eliminate Taxpayer Funded Lifetime Healthcare Benefits** for House Members through legislation to be introduced in the 2007 legislative session. Last year, Republican Leader Brian Bosma eliminated the benefit administratively.
2. **Balance the 2008-09 State Budget** with no general tax increases, accounting gimmicks or dedicated fund transfers used by past administrations to artificially balance Indiana's books.
3. **Eliminate Partisan Gerrymandering** of Indiana's legislative and congressional districts for political gain by the party in control of the Indiana House at the end of each decade.
4. **Provide for Indiana's Energy Needs** with a focus on 'Hoosier Homegrown Energy' by making bio-diesel and ethanol more available to consumers, thus reducing the reliance on imported oil.
5. **Reform the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV)** by providing a 30-minute guarantee at the BMV and other measures to improve service and efficiency.
6. **Honor and Support Hoosier Veterans and Active Military** by increasing financial assistance to those who are serving today and their families, and honoring veterans for their service.
7. **Empower Indiana Schools** by providing more resources, more flexibility and more incentives for schools, teachers, parents, and students.
8. **Crack Down on Illegal Immigration** by broadening State Police powers to enforce federal immigration laws and ensuring that state benefits are awarded only to legal Indiana residents.
9. **Expand our Job Creation Success** and promote job growth in the small business sector where 75% of Hoosier jobs are created.



Rep. Ulmer urges for an increase in penalties against child sex offenders.

10. **Get Tough on Crime** by requiring violent felons to serve at least 85% of their sentence, protecting children from Internet sexual predators, requiring federal background checks on caregivers of the elderly, and protecting all Hoosiers from identity theft, violent offenders, and meth dealers.
11. **Help Access Affordable Healthcare** with common sense market based solutions like providing tax credits for Worksite Health Programs, a Health Insurance Premium Deduction, and allowing coverage by a parent's policy until the age of 24.
12. **Let Hoosiers Speak on Traditional Marriage** by voting in the 115th General Assembly on SJR7 – the amendment to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman – and placing SJR7 on a referendum ballot for Indiana voters to consider in November of 2008.

House Republicans Continue to Support a Balanced State Budget

During the 114th Indiana General Assembly, House Republicans created a biennial budget that was balanced without any general tax increases, accounting gimmicks or dedicated fund transfers. The fiscal responsibility put forth by House Republicans finally moved Indiana back in the black, ending a decade of operating on a structural deficit.

In order to avoid the projected deficit of \$131 million, state spending was increased by only 2%. As a result of House Republicans' fiscal responsibility, Indiana's current budget reported a surplus of \$371 million when the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006.

Thanks to the leanest budget Indiana has seen in 55 years, the state was able to repay \$500 million of the debt owed to Indiana K-12 schools, cities and towns, and universities. In addition, statewide school funding was increased by 2.5% per year or \$272.6 million for the biennium, which amounts to nearly \$200 more per student. House Republicans also increased Medicaid spending by 5% each of the two years.

House Republicans' budget efforts also provided additional property tax relief for Hoosier homeowners, resulting in an average net property tax rate that actually dropped by 1.1% in 2006. This property tax cut was the first in decades, preventing the average net property tax rate from increasing by 5% to 7%.

Over the past two years, House Republicans worked to create a budget that was fiscally responsible, yet still served the needs of Hoosiers. The Republican-led efforts to create one of the most efficient state budgets in generations will continue in the 2007 legislative session.

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*Rep. John Ulmer reviews legislation
before casting a vote in the 2006
legislative session.*

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